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**ÉQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION** (RCE) **TRANSMITTAL** 

**Application Number** 09/658,509 Filing Date SEPTEMBER 8, 2000 First Named Inventor Loronzo H. THOMSON Group Art Unit 3682 **Examiner Name** C. KIM

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37.CFR § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

| 1. | Sı | ubmis | ssion required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114  |  |
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|    | a. |       | Previously submitted  |  |
|    |    | i.    | Consider the amendments/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously                         | y filed on                                 |
| -  |    | (     | (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).                       |  |
|    |    | ii.   | Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previous                    | sly filed on                               |
|    |    |       | Other   | DECENTER                                   |
| -  | b. |       | Enclosed  | RECEIVED                                   |
|    |    |       | X Amendment/Reply   | NOV 0 7 2000                               |
|    |    |       | Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)                    | NOV 0 7 2002                               |
|    |    |       | Other   | GROUP 3600                                 |
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| 2. |    |       | Miscellaneous   |  |
| -  | a. |       | Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested u               | under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of |
|    |    |       | months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.F           | R. § 1.17(i) required)                     |
|    | b. |       | Other   |  |
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| 3. |    |       | The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.14) when the R     |  |
|    | a. | X     | The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit<br>01-0484. | any overpayments, to Deposit Account No.   |
|    |    | i     | X RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)  |  |
|    |    |       | Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)  |  |
|    |    |       | Other   |  |
|    | b. |       | Check in the amount of \$ enclosed.   |  |
|    |    |       | Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)                                       |  |
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